(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by Government on the suggestions of Agriculture Experts on NREGS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, 2004, envisages provision of at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to rural poor households whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work More than one adult members can work under the proposed Scheme subject to the overall household entitlement.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Appraisal of employment generation programmes in the rural areas

275. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether appraisal of the status of implementation of various employment generation programmes in the rural areas in the State of Jharkhand envisaged in the Tenth five Year Plan, has been carried out;

(c) if so, the details and the status, scheme-wise including number of families brought above the poverty line; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development, on a continuous basis undertaken appraisal of the implementations of various employment generation Programmes in the rural areas of the Jharkhand through various Monitoring Mechanisms Besides the Programmes are also periodically evaluated through Concurrent and Quick Evaluation Studies and Impact Assessment Studies in different districts including Jharkhand.

(b) and (c) The employment generation Schemes are on-going and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, by and large, as per appraisal made by the Ministry. Information on families crossing above the poverty line is not maintained.

Revival of dormant National Fund for Rural Development

276. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Fund for Rural Development was started in 1995-96 which has since become dormant;

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme;

(c) the total amount collected in this fund;

(d) whether with a view to get more revenues for the vast rural undeveloped sector, the Government have revived the dormant National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No Sir. The National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD) was set up in February, 1984.

(b) The NFRD is envisaged to act as a chennel for mobilising efforts and resources from individuals, corporate and non-corporate bodies for taking up rural developmental activities.

(c) So far an amount of Rs. 11,71,98,065.15 has been collected in the Fund.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Assistance to educated unemployed youth under SGSY and GRY

277. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL